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For : BILIVERDIN REDUCTASE FRAGMENTS )  
AND VARIANTS, AND METHODS OF )  
USING BILIVERDIN REDUCTASE AND )  
SUCH FRAGMENTS AND VARIANTS )

**NOTICE OF APPEAL  
AND  
REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Applicants hereby request an extension of time of three months from the due date of January 14, 2005.

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